

## Abstract

The invention pertains to a method for obtaining a composition comprising an aromatic polyamide containing para-phenylene terephthalamide and 2-(p-phenylene)-benzimidazole terephthalamide units by copolymerizing:

i) a mole % of para-phenylenediamine;

5 ii) b mole % of 5(6)-amino-2-(p-aminophenyl)benzimidazole; and

iii) 90-110 mole% of terephthaloyl dichloride

in a mixture of N-methyl pyrrolidone and containing c wt.% of calcium chloride, wherein c is within the range from 1 to 20, and wherein the ratio a : b ranges from 1 : 20 to 20 : 1, a + b is 100 mole%, and i), ii), and iii) together comprise 1-20 wt.% of the mixture,

10 characterized in that the product b.c is less than 215 and that the composition is a crumb with a relative viscosity  $\eta_{rel}$  of at least 4, wherein the crumb is defined as non-sticky particles at least 95% of which having an average diameter of 0.7-15 mm.